

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number [0090] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0090] It is preferable that one or more complexing agent is allowed to coexist in the reaction solution in the composite powder production according to the present invention. As examples of complexing agents, there are L- glutamic acid, aspartic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, hydroxycarboxylic acids, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), nitrilotriacetic acid (~~NTP~~), (NTA), etc; in addition, salts of these compounds may be used. Among these complexing agents, sodium glutamate and sodium aspartate are particularly preferable.